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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN MEDICAL PERSONN

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE BUT WISHES TO AGAIN EMPHASIZE ITS CONCERN ABOUT BEING KEPT INFORMED ON MATTERS OF VITAL INTEREST TO THE PHILIPPINES. IT IS NOTED THAT THE DRAFT REGULATIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN MEDICAL PERSONNEL WERE PROMULGATED ON FEBRUARY 10, 1975 WITH MARCH 14 BEING ESTABLISHED AS THE FINAL DATE FOR FORWARDING COMMENTS TO INS. EMBASSY NEVER RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND FIRST BECAME AWARE OF THEM WHEN SEVERAL ARTICLES APPEARED IN PHILIPPINE PRESS. IT WAS UNABLE TO RESPOND INTELLIGENTLY TO NUMEROUS OFFICIAL INQUIRIES FROM PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND TO MANY OTHER PRIVATE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN. EMBASSY FINALLY RECEIVED COPY OF PROPOSED CHANGES COURTESY OF A LOCAL RECRUITING AGENT BUT THIS WAS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS. GIVEN THE INTENSE LOCAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, EMBASSY REQUESTS IT BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE RPT IN ADVANCE OF FINAL INS DECISION IN THIS MATTER.

2. IN UNRELATED MATTER, EMBASSY INFORMED BY LOCAL OIC OF INS
OF SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE ASYLUM PROCEDURES THAT WERE ESTABLISHED
BY NEW INS REGULATIONS DATED DECEMBER 18, 1974 AND JANUARY 29,
1975. THIS IS ANOTHER AREA OF VITAL CONCERN TO THE EMBASSY AND
ALTHOUGH IT IS ASSUMED THAT THESE CHANGES WERE COORDINATED WITH
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ORM IN THE DEPARTMENT, IT APPEARS NO OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION WAS

RECEIVED THROUGH DEPARTMENTAL CHANNELS. ON BOTH OF THESE ISSUES THAT COULD AFFECT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PHILIPPINES. EMBASSY HOPES TO BE BETTER INFORMED IN THE FUTURE. SULLIVAN

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